



# CHOOSING A GUN

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

How much can you spend?

How do you plan to use the gun; what game will you be pursuing, or are you seeking a shooting sports gun?

What type, weight and caliber of gun do you want?

What is your physical condition (how much recoil can your body take, how much weight are you willing to carry in the field)?

TAKE A HUNTER SAFETY COURSE.

VISIT A SHOOTING RANGE AND TRY DIFFERENT STYLES OF GUNS. IF YOU CAN'T SHOOT THEM, AT LEAST HOLD THEM AND SEE HOW THEY FEEL.

SHOP AROUND. LOOK FOR A SPORTING GOODS STORE THAT CARRIES A VARIETY OF MODELS AND MANUFACTURERS.

AVOID DISCOUNT STORES UNLESS YOU KNOW EXACTLY THE MODEL YOU WANT AND YOU KNOW THEY HAVE IT.

MAKE SURE YOUR SELECTION FITS YOU. PLACE THE BUTT OF THE SHOTGUN OR RIFLE IN THE CREASE OF YOUR ELBOW. YOUR FINGERS SHOULD FALL NATURALLY INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT A MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SHOOTING RANGE. BECOMING AN OUTDOORSWOMAN OR WONDERS OF THE OUTDOOR WORLD WEEKEND...OR CONSULT PUBLICATIONS LIKE "BLACK'S WING AND CLAY," THE SHOTGUNNER'S HANDBOOK.

**Handy  
Hints**  
with  
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